

## I CLAIM:

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1. A protective covering for shoulder and lap seats  
 5 belts of motor vehicles, the belts being connected together  
 at a tongue releasably insertable into a latch of a buckle  
 mechanism, the protective covering comprising:  
     a front and a back with a space therebetween for  
     receiving the shoulder and lap belt,  
     the covering having a generally truncated  
 10 triangular shape with the front and back being joined  
 together along two sides with the third side being open for  
 receiving the shoulder and lap belt,  
     the junction of the two joined sides being  
     provided with an opening to permit the tongue of the seat  
 15 belt to pass therethrough and engage the latch of the  
 buckle,  
     the covering being capable of distributing forces  
     from the shoulder and lap belts over a larger area of the  
     torso of a user upon the belts exerting a force on a user  
 20 of the belt.
2. A protective covering according to claim 1  
 wherein the third side is provided with releasable securing  
 means to permit the front and back to be releasably secured  
 25 to one another after the belts are received therebetween.
3. A protective covering according to claim 2  
 wherein the releasable securing means are selected from the  
group consisting of zipper closures, hook and loop  
 30 closures, dome fasteners and buttons.
4. A protective covering according to claim 3  
 wherein the releasable securing means are dome fasteners.
- 35 5. A protective covering according to claim 4  
 wherein the dome fasteners permit the adjustment of the  
 size of the open side to vary the spacing between the  
 shoulder and lap belts to accommodate different sizes of  
 users.

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6. A protective covering according to claim 5 wherein the opening between the two joined sides is provided with a means for retaining the tongue portion in position in the opening between when released from the latch.

7. A protective covering according to claim 6 wherein the means for retaining the tongue is selected from dome fasteners or an elastic ring positioned to engage the tongue at the junction with the shoulder and lap belts.

8. A protective covering according to claim 7 wherein the opening between the two joined sides is provided with an elastic mesh cover to cover the latch release button when the tongue engages the latch of the buckle.

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